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Jordan Tyo, left, and his friend smoke his Cheech bong in front of the Manitoba Legislature Wednesday. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

Declined votes spike

POLITICS

**4,020 ballots
spoiled — nine
times as many
as last election**


**Braeden
Jones**
Metro | Winnipeg

In addition to the "and stay out!" notice delivered to the NDP, Manitobans sent another loud message at the polls this week: declined.

The provincial Election Act allows voters to be enumerated with an official vote while still declining to choose a candidate.

During the last provincial election in 2011, 440 people elected to scribble "DECLINED" across their ballot rather than mark any name with an X.

But during this go-around the number of "declined" votes shot up to an unprecedented 4,020.

University of Winnipeg pol-

itics professor Allen Mills told Metro early in the campaign he expected a "very high likelihood" of abstention, spoiled ballots or declined votes.

The three major parties, according to Mills, trotted out a slate of candidates that weren't "as competent and mature as previous political classes have been."

He predicted that "none of the parties meet favour," which, given the landslide PC victory, isn't wholly true, but the sentiment is reflected in the whopping 813 per cent increase in declined ballots.

The previous high was set in 1999, when 1,129 voters declined. In the 2003 election the number fell to 426, and rebounded slightly to 590 in 2007.

Elections Manitoba spokesperson Estefania Wujkiw said more detailed results from this election, including a breakdown of voting — like declined ballots — broken down into electoral division will be available April 26.



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It's a downer of an escalator

MAINTENANCE

Failing to take steps to fix it means months out of service

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

An out-of-service downtown escalator has seen more than eight months of downtime after the city failed to implement a consultant's recommendations.

City of Winnipeg spokesperson Alissa Clark said the down escalator near the Richardson Building leading to the Portage and Main underground circus was "making a grinding noise," which a consultant reported noted on June 12, 2015.

The escalator—known as "down escalator number six"—was taken out of service a month later, on Aug. 11, but anyone heading to the underground concourse that way knows it's still not functional.

Clark said that's because shortly after it was disabled, heavy rain on Sept. 4, 2015 "further exacerbated the problems."

According to a partially redacted email to the city from Gulay Elevator Services Engineering and Consulting, the city had Chuck Gulay inspect the escalator on Aug. 21, just 10 days after it was taken out of service.

At that time, Gulay noted the "intermittent grinding noise" was caused by the chain drive

that moves the steps "slightly dragging in its track," which created slack at the bottom and could have lead to a worn bearing.

He recommended the city get a contractor to remove a number of steps and replace the chain to fix or at least hone in on the real problem.

At the time, Gulay confirmed one company, Winnipeg Elevator Inc., was apparently "willing to get in there to replace step chains and get (the) escalator running."

But Winnipeg Elevator Inc. wasn't the contractor responsible for "down escalator number six"—Kone Elevators and Escalators was on the final month of its contract with the city to provide maintenance to all eight concourse units.

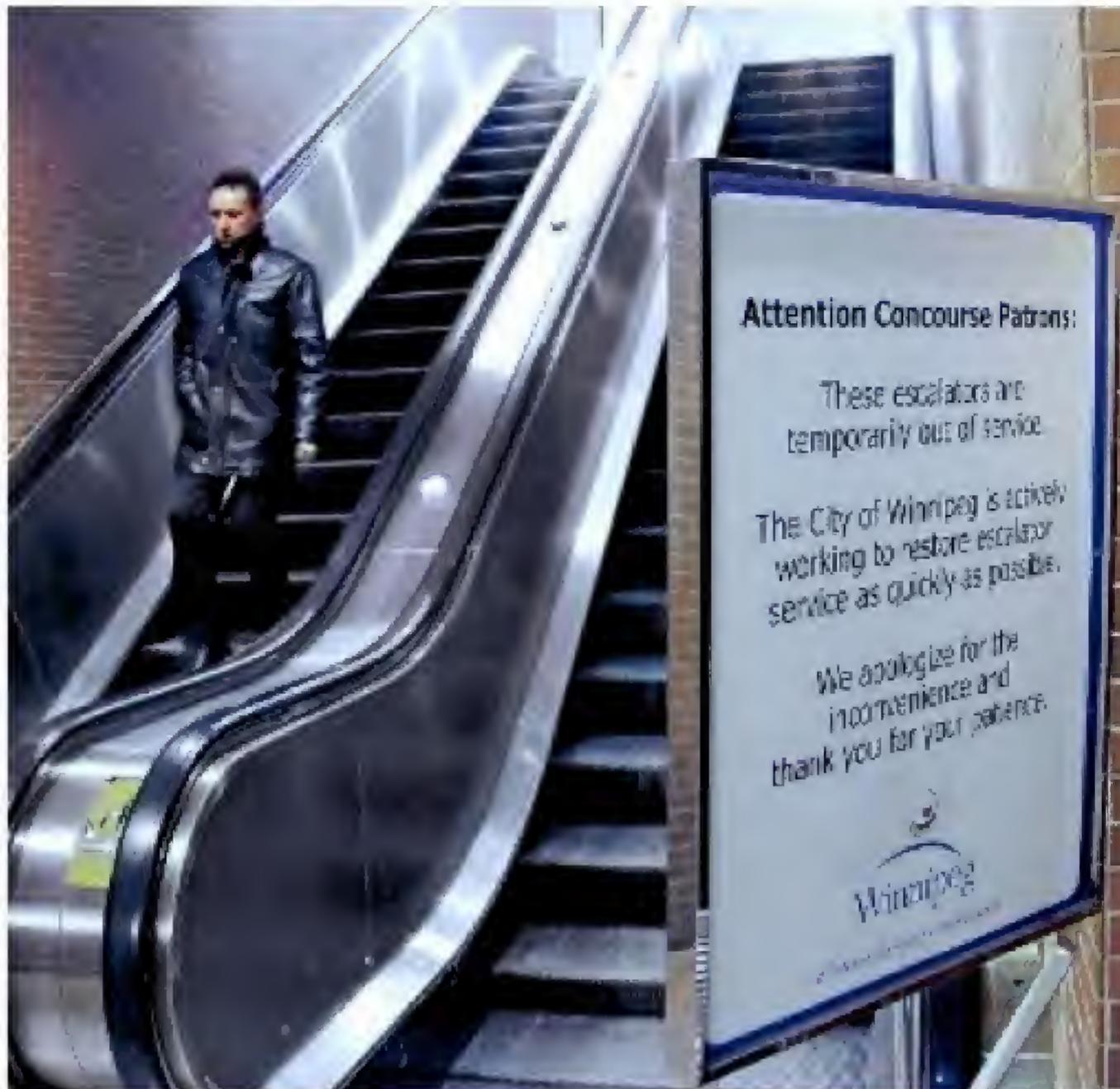
In late August, representatives from Kone told Gulay "they were unable to attend to the escalator due to a high volume of call backs on elevators due to (high heat)" at that time.

After a bidding process in September, the city hired Central Elevator Ltd. for the "provision of escalator maintenance for Portage and Main Pedestrian Concourse" on Oct. 16, 2015.

At that time, Central Elevator Ltd. became the company that would need to fix the problem. The company could not be reached for comment on why the work has yet to be finished.

Gulay, an expert in escalator repairs, told Metro the kind of maintenance "down escalator six" needs would take a maximum of six weeks.

"It's a fair amount of work,"



This is Elevator 6 — which has been out of commission for months and functions as stairs.

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

It can be fixed, the parts are available (but) the elevator business is really busy right now.

Chuck Gulay

Attention Concourse Patrons:

These escalators are temporarily out of service.

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8

...is the number of escalators the City of Winnipeg maintains.

37

...and that's how many escalators the City of Edmonton maintains.

19

...is the average number of days it takes for Edmonton to fix an escalator. In Winnipeg? We don't know. The city doesn't track the data for escalator downtime.

fix stuff," Gulay said.

Clark said the city plans to have the escalator fixed at the end of May, after which Gulay's estimated scope of work could push the escalator repairs into June, which is a full year after the grinding noise was first noticed.

"The city recognizes the inconvenience of this repair for users and appreciates their patience," Clark said, adding the city "will return it to service as quickly as possible."



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HUDSON'S BAY

Eager for talk of New West

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall says he'll talk with premier-designate Brian Pallister about Manitoba joining the New West Partnership.

New West is a trade agreement between Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Wall says he worked well with outgoing Premier Greg Selinger's government on harmonizing some regulations for highways and transportation.

But Wall says there were procurement disagreements with Manitoba that would have been solved if the province had belonged to the New West Partnership.

One of Pallister's campaign promises was that his government would join the agreement.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's a life of Brians

Winnipeg's mayor is no longer the only Brian at the head of a major government in Manitoba.

Brian Bowman offered his congratulations to new Tory premier-elect, Brian Pallister, on what he characterized as a decisive win in Tuesday's election.

"We want to see them be successful," he said Wednesday. "If the new government is successful, Winnipeg will be assisted by that."

No doubt Pallister's people will receive a call from the mayor's office for a sit-down between the leaders in the coming weeks, as Bowman says he plans to discuss a number of files with the PCs and the soon-to-be premier.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO



Premier-elect Brian Pallister speaks with media outside the legislature on Wednesday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pallister strikes a conciliatory tone

POLITICS

Leader vows to play nice on issues of weed, gay marriage

Manitoba's incoming Progressive Conservative premier promised Wednesday to work with other governments and the gay and lesbian community.

One day after leading his Tories to a sweeping election victory, Brian Pallister said he would

work co-operatively with the federal Liberal government on issues such as legalizing marijuana and assisted dying.

"I don't want to get into my personal concerns about (legal marijuana) today, but I do commit to working with the federal government on the file, and we'll make sure that it benefits Manitobans, protects Manitobans," said Pallister.

One concern is to prevent people from driving while intoxicated on drugs, he added.

"I'll work and I'll build a relationship of trust and co-operation

with the federal government."

Pallister has faced criticism in the past over comments he has made about everything from same-sex marriage to Christmas.

In a 2005 debate in the House of Commons, he called same-sex marriage a social experiment that would abolish the "societal norm" of children being loved by a mother and father.

In 2013, he delivered an off-the-cuff holiday greeting and said his well-wishes extended to "infidel atheists."

Pallister said last year that his views on same-sex marriage

have changed and that he sometimes slips up verbally because he speaks without notes.

Pallister said he plans to name a cabinet within two or three weeks and deliver a throne speech and budget later this spring. He would not commit to gender parity in his cabinet immediately — he inherited a party that saw only two incumbent women candidates re-elected — but said it is his aim.

"Gender parity is a worthy goal, and it's one that I will strive for, but I need time to do it."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW DEMOCRATS Defeated candidate blames Selinger

Some hard post-election feelings were evident Wednesday, as a defeated New Democrat said the party fell victim to outgoing premier Greg Selinger's desire to hang on to his job.

Dave Gaudreau, who lost his St. Norbert legislature seat in Tuesday's election, said Selinger should not have fought to keep his job when a caucus coup erupted in 2014.

"If we would have swapped leaders or had a different leader, I think we would have pulled it out. I think it would have been different," Gaudreau said as he packed up his constituency office. "It's just too bad that good MLAs fell because of one guy's drive to prove that he was right."

The New Democrats were swept from power Tuesday night after 16 years and reduced to 14 seats. The party lost constituencies that had been NDP for decades, including Thompson, Brandon East and Kildonan.

The NDP's popularity dropped when Selinger raised the provincial sales tax in 2013.

Other defeated New Democrats did not feel the same way.

Healthy Living Minister Deanne Crothers, Children and Youth Opportunities Minister Melanie Wight and others said Tuesday night the main factor was a desire for change after four terms under the NDP.

Wab Kinew, an author and indigenous activist who was brought in as a star candidate and won a seat for the NDP, said he remains loyal to Selinger.

"He has dedicated decades of his life to serving our city and our province and he has done a lot of good for our community."

Selinger accepted responsibility for the defeat and announced Tuesday night he will resign as leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Winnipeggers welcome green light for pot use

MARIJUANA

Legalization announcement made 4-20 even more significant

**Evan
Matthews**
For Metro | Winnipeg

Local pot advocate Glenn Price said changes to Canada's pot laws are welcome, but adds they've been a long time coming.

"I wish it had been sooner. I don't know why it's taking so long," he said Wednesday after hearing the announcement from the federal Liberals. "I'm still facing charges right now."

Price is the owner of Your Medical Cannabis Lounge, Head Shop and Educational Centre on Main Street and his shop has been raided several times by police.

Canada's legislation to begin the process of legalizing and regulating marijuana will be introduced spring 2017, Health Minister Jane Philpott announced Wednesday at the United Nations.

During her impassioned speech at a special UN session on drugs, Philpott acknowledged the pot plan "challenges the status quo in many countries," but she said the Liberal government is convinced it's the best way to protect youth, while enhancing public safety.

Price said it's about more than that.

"It's more about control. Alcohol and liquor were both

Hundreds of people gathered at the Manitoba legislative building Wednesday. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO



prohibition at one point. Who controls it now? The people have fought for this," he said.

Price is currently facing charges for trafficking a controlled substance and possession for operating his business. He added once legalization happens, he hopes his char-

ges are stayed and he can reopen one or more stores in Winnipeg.

"If it's so bad, why are so many Canadians standing up to challenge the law?" asked Price. "It's doing good for so many people."

Philpott's address coincides

with 4-20, the annual day of celebration for cannabis culture lovers, which takes on greater significance in Canada this year with the government planning to green-light recreational marijuana use.

"There are still a lot of people going to jail. They go

for a long time," said 18-year-old Jordan Tyo, while smoking out of a bong at Winnipeg's 4-20 protest and march.

"There are people who actually need it and they shouldn't get in trouble for needing it," he said.

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WE ASKED YOU

What do you think of the federal government's intention to introduce pot legalization legislation?



Instead of going to some sketchy guy in the middle of the night to get my medicine I can go to a dispensary during the day and have no issues... I would like to see it regulated similarly to tobacco.
Josh McArthur, 20



It's better for people if they aren't going to be prosecuted, obviously. If legality is in harmony with natural law that's better. Any time act and statute goes against natural law — it is no longer law, but lawlessness, and I'm quoting Plato there.
Riley, 31



Weed isn't going to kill anybody. I think they should treat it just like booze. You can't buy it if you're underage. It's so many millions of dollars for the economy. Maybe that's where Pallister can find his money instead of making so many cuts.
Serge Guenette, 31

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EVIDENCE

DNA suggests dead infants hid by mother

DNA evidence suggests a woman accused of hiding the remains of infants in a storage locker she was renting could be their mother.

Andrea Giesbrecht, who is 42, was charged with concealment in October 2014 after employees at a Winnipeg U-Haul facility made the discovery.

Court has heard that DNA samples from the remains were compared to samples

from Giesbrecht's husband and a used sanitary napkin found in her bedroom.

DNA expert Christine Crossman testified it was "very likely" the husband and whoever used the sanitary napkin were parents of five of the six babies.

She also said they are probably the parents of the sixth as well.

The defence is arguing the DNA on the napkin may not

actually belong to Giesbrecht. Court heard earlier Wednesday that medical records show Giesbrecht had at least 10 legal abortions.

Defence lawyer Greg Brodsky said they occurred over a 17-year period from 1994 to 2011. Two were in 2009.

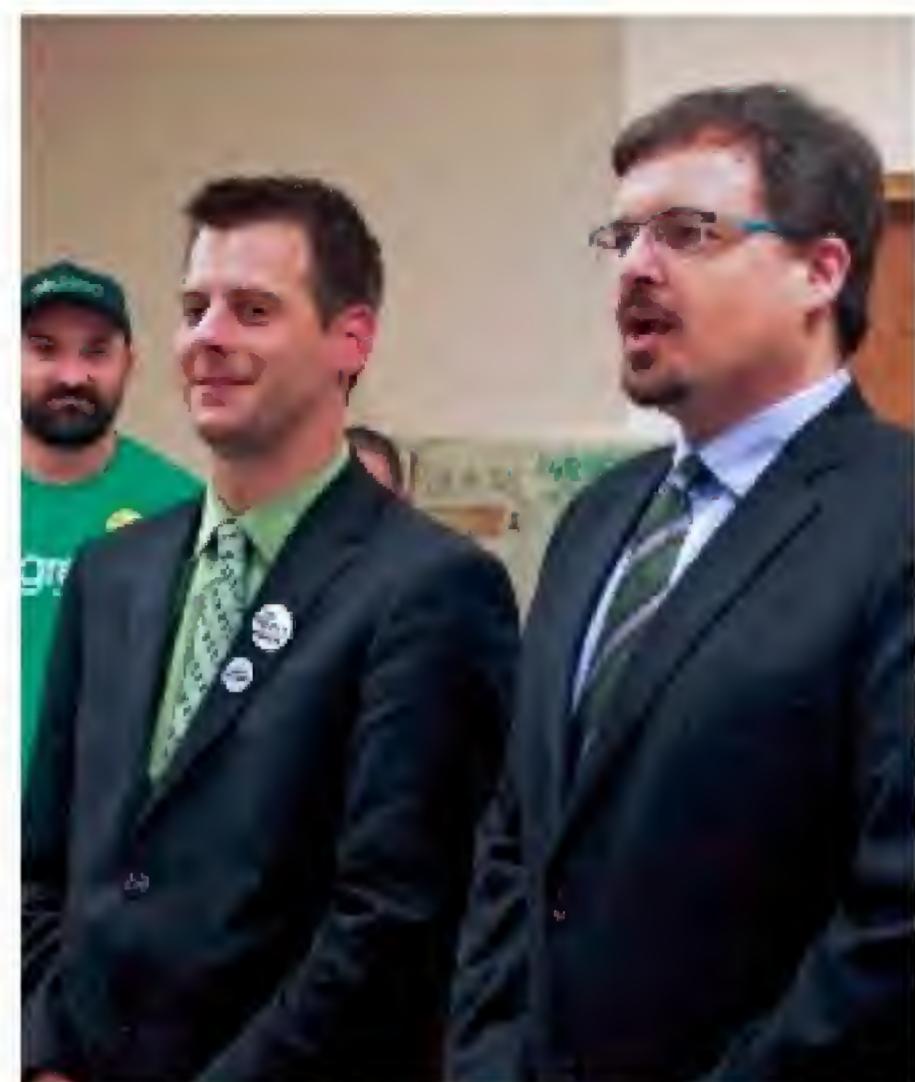
The medical records filed by prosecutors also show Giesbrecht's husband had a vasectomy in 2011.

No one has been able to say

how long the remains found in the storage locker may have been there or how they got there.

It's also unclear how the information about the abortions relates to the remains.

A police officer told court on Tuesday that the locker contained two plastic tote containers and three pails, each containing human remains in different stages of decomposition. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Manitoba Green Party leader James Beddome and Wolseley Green Party candidate David Nickarz thank supporters Tuesday night. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

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ELECTIONS

Green Party candidate defeated by 384 votes

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Matthews
For Metro | Winnipeg**

The results are in, and as it turns out, Wolseley won't be going green after all.

One of the NDP's few wins last night came in Wolseley with Rob Altemeyer who was first elected in 2003. Altemeyer beat David Nickarz, the Green Party candidate, by 384 votes.

"I wish to congratulate Rob Altemeyer for his re-election," said Nickarz. "I also wish to extend my congratulations to all of the candidates who stood for election in the Wolseley riding."

With the win, Altemeyer has secured his seat in the legislature for the fourth consecutive time.

Nickarz managed to double support for the Greens in the riding, and said he plans to continue his work in cooper-

ation with other parties.

"I'm encouraged because... we have made it clear that the Green Party has broad support in Wolseley," said Nickarz.

"With growth like this, it's clear the Green Party has a bright future."

Many Green candidates did well, including Nickarz who gained 36 per cent of the vote, and party leader James Beddome who also placed second in his riding with 19.5 per cent of the vote. Beddome ran in Fort-Garry Riverview, where incumbent James Allum won again.

Although the Greens failed to win their first ever seat in the Manitoba Legislature, Nickarz said it's been mostly positive and the Green

Party will continue to focus on eliminating poverty, protecting the environment, and responding to climate change.

"We knocked on thousands of doors over the past several months," said Nickarz.

"It's hard work but it's rewarding — words alone cannot express the gratitude I feel towards my family, my election team, and the voters who chose to place their trust in me."

With growth like this, it's clear the Green Party has a bright future.

David Nickarz

We're 'open for business'

ECONOMY

Mayor off to Montreal to pitch city to investors

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman says he is jet-setting to Montreal this week in order to send the message our city is "open for business."

While talking to reporters Wednesday, only moments before leaving for the airport, Bowman said this first-of-its-kind business delegation that he is leading is only the start of a plan to travel to other major Canadian cities to pitch our city as a place to spend to potential investors.

"We want to let Canada and the world know that Winnipeg is open for business," he said.

Joining him on the trip are representatives from the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce,

the world trade centre, the Winnipeg Airports Authority, and YES! Winnipeg, Bowman told reporters.

He said over the next two days, the team would be meeting with a mix of government officials and members of Montreal's business community.

Choosing to start with the Quebec city as the first stop for a business delegation was part timing, partly to pick up on some "leads" Yes! Winnipeg had with opportunities with potential investors, Bowman explained.

It is not known whether chowing down on smoked meat sandwiches and poutine are on the mayor's to-do list, but he says what is will be a meeting with Montreal's mayor Denis Coderre and the province's former premier Jean Charest.

We want Canada and the world to know.

Brian Bowman



Mayor Brian Bowman says he's meeting with a mix of government and business officials. METRO FILE

ENVIRONMENT Organics collection approved

Environmental activists and several councillors delivered impassioned pleas to a Winnipeg committee not to drag its heels on planning for an organics collection program.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi appeared as a delegate before the executive policy committee on Wednesday, asking councillors to support a modified plan about citywide composting, approved during last week's water and waste committee.

Instead of halting all consultation and planning for a green bin program, as was proposed by councillors Ross Eadie and Russ Wyatt, Gerbasi asked that city staff prepare a broader consultation plan for potential organics collection, besides a three-option flat-fee structure.

In order for the city to meet its set targets to divert waste from the Brady Road Landfill, some form of citywide composting program is required, Gerbasi told Wednesday's committee.

Wednesday's committee endorsed having staff prepare a revised consultation plan, but the matter still requires council approval. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

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'This is a case for the history books'

COURT

Mike Duffy faces 31 fraud and breach of trust charges

Did Sen. Mike Duffy commit a crime or didn't he?

That's the question Ontario Court Justice Charles Vaillancourt will seek to answer Thursday when he passes judgment on the 31 counts of fraud, breach of trust and bribery Duffy has faced since July 2014.

But the much broader implications of the saga of the senator from Prince Edward Island are perhaps best summed up in Duffy's own words to the Senate in 2013 when he delivered a scathing rebuttal of the allegations swirling around him.

"This," Duffy thundered, "is a case for the history books."

It all began in 2012, when the auditor general issued a re-



An Ontario Court justice will announce his decision in the Mike Duffy trial on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

port that recommended taking steps to ensure members of the upper chamber were submitting enough proof their expense claims were for legitimate parliamentary business.

Questions about Duffy's own claims — including whether he was a legitimate resident of P.E.I., the province he'd been appointed in 2008 to represent

— began later that year. It was the first in a long chain of events that would, among other things, eventually force the departure of Nigel Wright, then the prime minister's chief of staff.

The bribery charge Duffy faces is the result of Wright's decision to personally pay the \$90,000 in living expenses Duffy claimed by declaring his long

time home in an Ottawa suburb was actually a secondary residence.

The remaining 30 fraud and breach of trust charges relate to Senate money the Crown alleged Duffy either received for trips that had nothing to do with Senate work or that he funnelled through a friend's company to cover costs the Senate wouldn't pay for.

Duffy has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The trial exposed the inner workings of a secretive Prime Minister's Office and the Conservative party machine, shaped the early narrative of last year's fateful election campaign and even led to at least one high profile Conservative publicly turning his back on the party.

If his sentence is anything other than a complete discharge — the most serious charge Duffy faces carries a maximum sentence of 14 years in jail — he'd be suspended until his appeals conclude. THE CANADIAN PRESS

DUFFY TRIAL

Five things to know before the verdict

Ontario Justice Charles Vaillancourt will deliver his decision Thursday on Sen. Mike Duffy's fraud, breach of trust and bribery charges, all of which stem from his controversial Senate housing and travel expenses.

1 Duffy faces 31 charges. They fall into five categories: issues related to living expenses Duffy claimed for his suburban Ottawa home; inappropriate expenses relating to personal and partisan activity; inappropriate expense claims assisted with personal attendance and funerals and related ceremonies; disbursements of money; and charges relating to the receipt of a \$90,172.24 cheque from Nigel Wright.

2 That he's a senator is an important element of the alleged crimes. The breach of trust charges Duffy faces are because of his role as a public official and he can be found guilty whether or not the crime would be an offence if committed by a private person.

3 He is facing jail time if convicted. The breach of trust charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Six of the fraud charges are for amounts over \$5,000, which carry a maximum 14-year term. The fraud charges under \$5,000 could be met with prison terms of less than two years. The bribery count has a maximum 14-year sentence.

4 There's also the matter of his job. Duffy was suspended without pay from the Senate between November 2013 and the dissolution of the last Parliament in August 2015. After dissolution, his pay was reinstated but he remained on a leave of absence with no access to Senate resources because of his ongoing trial. What happens after the verdict is governed by two things: Senate rules and the Constitution.

5 Cases against other senators may hang in the balance. Two other senators are currently waiting to stand trial for their own expenses. Former Liberal senator Mac Harb and former Conservative senator Patrick Brazeau also face fraud and breach of trust charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Some scenes of 4-20, the annual day of celebration for cannabis culture lovers, across the country. METRO & THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stoner culture could fizzle after legal weed

MARIJUANA

Legalization hangs like a cloud over 4/20 celebrations

Stoner subculture will likely take a hit with the incoming legalization of marijuana in Canada because as the cause vanishes, so will celebration of the drug, say experts.

The declaration comes as the federal government announced a spring 2017 deadline for introducing new marijuana laws and while

thousands of people gathered across Canada for the annual April 20 "Weed Day" protest, also known as 4/20.

Protesting against cannabis prohibition has become a social movement with its own ideology and symbols, but that will likely change with the repeal of criminalization, said Benedikt Fischer, a senior scientist with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

"Once marijuana becomes legalized, normalized, mainstream, the cause disappears," said Fischer. "I suspect these things will kind of fizzle away."



Once marijuana becomes legalized, the cause disappears

Benedikt Fischer

Lynne Belle-Isle, co-founder of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, agreed that with legalization the appeal of smoking up in rebellion could disappear. She said society could benefit as messaging is developed around using the drug more safely.

"Like alcohol, if you see your parents having a glass of wine with dinner, it's no big deal. You learn responsible use if that's what you're

exposed to," she said.

"Social norms get created when you're able to do it openly, that doesn't happen when people have to hide."

Earlier in the day, Health Minister Jane Philpott told a special United Nations session on drugs that the Liberal government is convinced marijuana legalization is the best way to protect youth and enhance public safety.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

GQ names Trudeau most stylish politician

He's sexy, he's suave and he's prime minister — but is Justin Trudeau the most stylish politician in the world?

GQ seems to think so. The men's magazine editorial board named Trudeau "the most stylish politician alive right now."

"Justin Trudeau's meteoric rise from political young gun to Internet superhero might have something to do with the Canadian's Obama-like levels of chill," the publication wrote.

To be fair, Trudeau doesn't have much in the way of com-

petition. U.S. President Barack Obama's dad jeans, U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's polo shirts, and Russia's Vladimir Putin's penchant for going shirtless leave much to be desired sartorially. But there is an undeniable *je ne sais quoi* about Trudeau's sense of style, says Jeff Rustia, founder of Toronto Men's Fashion Week.

"It all goes hand in hand. The watch, the socks, the gear, the cars, it's all very consistent," he said.

Rustia says Trudeau has be-

come the ambassador for Canadian men's fashion, embracing modern trends like slim-fitting suits, bold colours and athletic wear.

From his striped socks to his tan shoes, Trudeau has shown that he's not afraid of stepping out of the navy-black-charcoal palette typical of politicos.

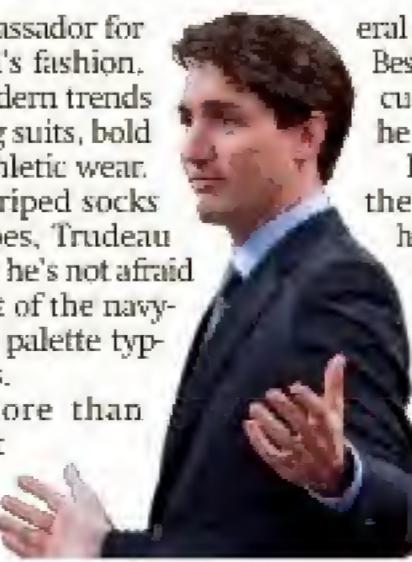
"But it's more than just what he wears," says Michael Nguyen, gen-

eral manager of Garrison Bespoke, a Toronto-based custom tailor. It's how he wears it.

Having grown up in the spotlight, Trudeau has an easy confidence that makes wearing a suit seem as comfortable as a jogging suit.

"You can't buy (that) with money," Nguyen said.

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1 Queen Elizabeth II with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the Green Drawing room at Windsor Castle in Windsor. 2 The U.K.'s Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth II, the young Prince George, and Prince William, smiling during a photo shoot for the Royal Mail in 2015 in Buckingham Palace. A stamp sheet, made from the photograph, was released to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. 3 The Queen poses on the steps of the east terrace with four of her dogs in the garden of Windsor Castle. HANDOUT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The Queen through the years

ROYAL FAMILY

As Elizabeth II turns 90, here is a look at highs, lows of her reign

Queen Elizabeth II marks her 90th birthday on Thursday as Britons and many throughout the world celebrate her long and dignified reign. She will celebrate again in June with national events to mark her official birthday.

Here are answers to some questions about the queen's extraordinary life and times:

WHEN DID SHE BECOME

QUEEN?

Elizabeth's life was changed forever in 1936 when her uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated so he could marry his divorced lover Wallis Simpson. This made her father the king and Elizabeth heir to the throne. King George VI's health failed, however, and he was too ill for a planned tour of the Commonwealth in 1952, so he sent Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, in his place.

They were staying in a remote part of Kenya on Feb. 6, 1952, when she was told that the king had died. She became queen upon her father's death, although the coronation did not take place for more than a year.

HOW DID ELIZABETH WEATHER WORLD WAR II?

Elizabeth was a young princess during World War II, and her father King George VI was concerned for her safety as London came under German bombing raids known as The Blitz. She and her sister Princess Margaret were moved to Windsor Castle, 40 kilometres west of London for security reasons. She persuaded her parents to let her serve in the Auxiliary Transport Service, where she learned how to drive and repair ambulances and trucks.

HAS THE QUEEN EVER COMPLAINED IN PUBLIC?

No, that's just not done. The

closest Elizabeth has come to exhibiting human frailty to her subjects was in 1992, when she made a rare admission that her life, so picture perfect on the outside, was marred by the marital woes of three of her four children. She didn't complain in English, however, looking to Latin to proclaim it had been something of an "annus horribilis" — a horrible year that included a disastrous fire at her beloved Windsor Castle.

WHAT WAS THE LOW POINT OF HER MONARCHY?

This would undoubtedly be the stormy days that followed Princess Diana's sudden death in a car crash in August 1997.

The princess was tremendously popular, and many held the royal family responsible for her divorce from Prince Charles. The queen was castigated in the press for not returning to London immediately after Diana's death and for not flying the royal standard atop the palace at half-staff.

DOES THE QUEEN PLANTO RETIRE?

The strong-willed queen has given no indication she plans to leave the throne, and has described her unique position as a "job for life." Her mother lived to be 101. Still, it is possible Elizabeth would step down if she developed severe problems.

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MEDITERRANEAN Hundreds feared dead in shipwreck

Up to 500 people are feared dead after a shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea last week, the UN refugee agency said Wednesday, citing the accounts of survivors.

The disaster happened in waters between Italy and Libya, based on accounts from 41 survivors who were rescued on April 16 by a merchant ship, UNHCR said. The agency said that if confirmed, it would be one of the deadliest tragedies on the Mediterranean in the last year.

The survivors said they had been among 100 to 200 people who left a town near Tobruk, Libya, on a smugglers' boat last week. The agency said Wednesday that "after sailing for several hours, the smugglers in charge of the boat attempted to transfer the passengers to a larger ship carrying hundreds of people in terribly overcrowded conditions."

"At one point during the transfer, the larger boat capsized and sank," UNHCR said in a statement, saying that its staff had visited the survivors at a local stadium in Kalamata, Greece, where they have been housed by authorities while they undergo "police procedures."

Barbara Molinario, a Rome-based spokeswoman for UNHCR, said details remained unclear.

More than 1 million migrants and refugees crossed the Mediterranean last year — mostly refugees from war in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria fleeing to Greece, and the European Union, via Turkey. However, the longer Libya-Italy route has traditionally seen more deaths. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. ELECTION

Clinton, Trump strengthen hand

NEW YORK

Clinton's win in New York, a state she represented in the Senate for eight years, halted Sanders' recent string of victories and put her in a stronger position heading into the next contests.

on clinching the Republican nomination through voters' balloting in state primaries, thus avoiding a contested national convention in Cleveland in July.

The businessman's win in his home state keeps him on a path to securing the 1,237 delegates he needs, though he'll have to perform well in the round of primaries in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Con-

nnecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware on Tuesday and in California's huge contest on June 7.

His chief rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, has no mathematical path to getting the nomination through primary voting. But he sees a window to snatch the nomination from Trump at the convention, and his campaign is working feverishly to line up delegates who would support him if Trump fails to prevail on a first ballot.

The side-by-side Republican efforts at this late stage — with Trump amassing primary victories while Cruz digs for the support of delegates who could settle the nomination — are unprecedented in recent presidential campaigns and add to the deeply uncertain nature of the race.

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Residents comb through a field, salvaging recyclable material from post-earthquake debris, in Manta, Ecuador on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ecuador death toll keeps rising

EARTHQUAKE

Aftershocks send residents pouring out into the streets

A magnitude-6.1 aftershock Wednesday set babies crying and sent nervous residents pouring into the streets, fearful of yet more damage following the deadly earthquake over the weekend.

The pre-dawn jolt was the strongest aftershock yet since Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake that killed more than 500 people. Some people in Portoviejo abandoned their homes, even those with no apparent damage, and headed to a former airport where temporary shelters have been set up.

The government said the number of known dead stood at 553, but officials expected more bodies to be found. About 7,000 were injured. At least

11 foreigners were among the dead, including two Canadians and three Cuban doctors who had been on a medical mission to Ecuador.

The final toll could surpass

54

The number of people pulled alive from the rubble since Saturday.

earthquakes in Chile and Peru in the past decade.

Among the survivors, the situation was growing increasingly tense. While humanitarian aid has been pouring in from around the world, distribution is slow. In Manta on Wednesday, people waited for hours under the tropical sun for water and food supplies. Soldiers kept control with fenced barricades.

Reflecting some of the des-

peration, residents in Manta could be seen scavenging through the rubble, no longer looking for loved ones but trying to salvage metallic objects and other items of value.

Grief mounted as families buried loved ones, but people held out hope of finding some of 163 people the government said were still missing. Since Saturday, 54 people have been rescued from rubble alive.

Rescuers who have arrived from Mexico, Colombia, Spain and other nations said they would keep searching for survivors, but cautioned that time was running out and the likelihood of finding more people alive grew smaller with the passage of every hour.

As authorities begin to shift their attention to restoring electricity and clearing debris, the earth continued to move. Local seismologists have recorded more than 550 aftershocks, some felt 105 miles (170 kilometres) away in the capital of Quito. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON CHANGING VOTER DEMOGRAPHICS



The Liberals were the main beneficiaries of a higher level of youth engagement in the electoral process last fall but that does not mean they can take that support for granted.

But for young millennial voters Justin Trudeau might not have won a majority victory last fall.

As an Abacus Data study confirmed this week, the younger cohort of the electorate tilted the balance in favour of the Liberals. By turning out in greater numbers and coalescing behind Trudeau, voters aged 18-25 almost certainly made a difference between a minority and a majority.

Early indications suggest the Liberals were the preferred choice of a plurality of younger voters (45 per cent) beating the NDP (25 per cent) and the Conservatives (20 per cent). In comparison to 2011, turnout among that age group went up 12 percentage points.

Before dismissing the growth of the youth vote and its impact on the election outcome as a one off — essentially due to Trudeau's status as a political rock star — it might be prudent to consider that the reverse could turn out to be true.

In politics, empowerment and engagement tend to come as a pair. The sense that one's vote can make a difference is one of the main incentives to continue exercising one's franchise. On that score, the experience was positive for many of those who voted for the first time in 2015.

In the big picture, no federal party can afford to ignore the changing demographics of the electorate.

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Come 2019, Trudeau's edge with young voters could be blunted by the upcoming leadership changes at the helm of the other parties. Over the course of his first mandate, Trudeau also stands to lose some of the patina that allowed him to cast himself as the greatest agent of change last fall. It is often easier to like an underdog than an incum-

bent.

Many New Democrats came out of the 2015 campaign feeling they had been outflanked on the front of generational change. That widespread sense contributed to Thomas Mulcair's demise at the hands of party members earlier this month.

But before the NDP concludes that a younger leader could act as a magic bullet for what ails it, it might consider that under Jack Layton, in 2011, the NDP was the preferred choice of the younger cohort. Mulcair's failure to keep that connection is alive had more to do with the larger failure of the NDP campaign to connect with the electorate at large than with the age of the leader.

More so than any of its predecessors, the millennial generation was raised in a

culturally diverse Canada. That theme happens to be a constant in Trudeau's political discourse and it is reflected in his caucus. Looking at the delegates at the NDP convention in Edmonton, one had to look hard for evidence of the country's cultural diversity.

Even before the last election polls showed that if younger voters were left to decide who should run Canada, the Conservatives would come dead last — behind the Green Party. Under Stephen Harper the party worked hard at hanging on to that last place.

The dismissive Conservative discourse on climate change; the reluctant acceptance of marriage rights for same-sex couples; the over-the-top fear campaign over the legalization of marijuana all seemed designed to drive millennials away. The party's reductive depiction of Trudeau's leadership might as well have been calculated to come across as a generational putdown.

Like their elders, younger Canadians believe bread-and-butter issues like jobs should sit at the top of the to-do list of the federal government. But also like a majority of their elders, they crave aspirational politics and believe in the virtues of government activism.

Those are generational traits that a decade of Conservative counter-spin probably exacerbated rather than diminished. On that basis, Trudeau should share the credit for the higher youth engagement that had such defining impact on the last election with Harper.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

THE MICROTREND: Men faking orgasms



Remember when Seinfeld's Kramer admitted to being an orgasm faker? Ha! Where do they come up with this stuff, right? Well... Researchers at Université du Québec à Montréal recently asked 230 men aged 18-29 whether they had ever faked an orgasm. On average, the respondents reported having faked it in 25 per cent of encounters. Reasons given: Because they were drunk, because they wanted to impress partners, because, as the K-man himself once put it, "It's enough already and I just want to get some sleep." (Sounds like what women might say.) And to what, pray tell, do the researchers ascribe this phenomenon? The patriarchy, of all things. In brief: Men expect themselves to have orgasms at will, and, by dint of their "prowess," to be able to induce them. Hence a vicious cycle of gender-role-reinforcing subterfuge we weren't even fully aware of. SOURCE: COSMOPOLITAN

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Punk great launches tour for memoir and acoustic sound

 **Elisha Dacey**
Metro | Winnipeg

One would expect a memoir by Canada's queen of punk to be more about heavy days of partying than facing breast cancer or embracing yoga.

But Bif Naked defies the stereotypes in her new memoir, *I, Bifucus*, launched across the country Tuesday.

"I was encouraged for a long time by my manager Peter, who's been my manager for 25 years," says Bif, speaking to Metro from her home in Vancouver.

"I think after breast cancer, I had a heart surgery in 2012, just with my divorce (she married Vancouver sports writer Ian Walker), the stories kept coming up over the years.

"There's part of me that didn't want to write a book because I felt it was so, you know, the classic book of secrets. It was just so common, all these musicians were writing books. It was like everyone was aging out, so these books came to be."

The memoir takes the reader on Bif's journey from being adopted by American Missionaries from her teenage New Delhi parents, through her time in Winnipeg, her marriage and

divorce, and delves into things like her bisexuality and her parents' influence.

"I interviewed my parents. I really wanted to include them in the book and I wanted their life's work they were doing in the '60s and their missionary work. They're a huge influence."

Out of the book a tour has been born, one that features both her latest acoustic songs and excerpts from the book. "It's more like a play," she said. "The tour is called Songs and Stories, we'll be reading from the book and then playing some songs, some audience stuff."

That audience participation is why she chose smaller venues for the tour. "It just seems to work better. I like to have the audience participate a little bit," even though it can get cheeky, said Bif, noting she once had a guy moon his boss on stage.

A part-time motivational speaker, Bif said speaking to a crowd is much different from doing a reading.

"Reading, instead of speaking, is a lot — you know, I had to get glasses! F—! What am I going to do? So that's funny. I don't know how that's going to work."

IN PERSON

The songs and stories tour dates:

- May 12 at the Venue in Vancouver
- May 13 at the Marquee in Calgary
- May 14 at The Needle in Edmonton
- May 16 at The Park Theatre in Winnipeg
- May 17 at Adelaide Hall in Toronto.

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AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Teen character in YA novel defends her queer family

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Canada



Anti-gay laws in North Carolina and Mississippi are all over the news on the day Mariko Tamaki and I speak in early April. Bruce Springsteen cancelled his show in Greensboro, North Carolina, scheduled for the previous night, and his stand "against prejudice and bigotry" is all over Facebook.

As legislation in these Republican-controlled Southern states encroaches on the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals in the U.S., stories of people being denied marriage licences and using the bathroom of their choice are becoming more common.

Tamaki tackles the subject of religion and sexuality in her new young adult book, *Saving Montgomery Sole*. The Can-

adian author says she sometimes can't even look at her news feed because of the flood of articles about people within the LGBT community being denied their rights.

"It's something that I really struggled with — this movement by a religious right to discriminate against and to curtail the rights of a group of people. I find it really hard to deal with. So I try to tap into that a little bit in this book," says Tamaki, who now lives in California.

Tamaki wanted to create a character who talks back — someone who is "intensely vocal" about discrimination.

Her valiant heroine is Montgomery Sole, a high school student with a curiosity for retro experiments like backmasking, and ordering magic stones with special powers over the internet for her Mystery Club.

Montgomery's style of over-size, stained clothing (hand-me-downs from one of her moms) and insatiable appetite for pizza make her an outsider in Aunty, California, where everyone is obsessed with carb-free froyo. But the bullying escalates whenever the focus turns to her family — her lesbian moms

PREVIOUS WORK

Mariko Tamaki's last book, *This One Summer*, was in February pulled from school libraries in Florida for sexual content.

Though the coming-of-age graphic novel was never meant for kids, it was awarded the Caldecott Honor, a prize for the 'most distinguished American picture book for children,'

which may have caused

confusion, the author says

Tamaki happened to be in Florida at the time — amused by the dramatic TV news stories, she says she contemplated going to the districts herself.

What would she have done in response? "I don't know, probably eaten an ice cream on the steps or something," she jokes.

and the fact that Montgomery and her younger sister, Tesla, were conceived from a sperm donor.

At Tesla's soccer game, when the moms go in for a smooch, a snotty teen sitting in the bleach-

ers described as High Bun grousing: "Let's get out of here before they like, rape us." Monty is within earshot.

But it isn't until a religious preacher known on YouTube for his "The Reverend White vs. Gay Wedding" video moves into town that things escalate for Monty.

As the reverend tries to impose his "save the American family" message on others, the consequences reverberate through the school.

But Montgomery becomes even more frustrated when her own sister wants to start praying, going to church and mounts a cross on her bedroom door.

Tamaki wanted to present two different perspectives on religion in the book.

"Christianity is about community and love and forgiveness, but it's also got this other layer to it. I wanted to try to blur all those things and also to explore conflict within a family where you have a situation like discrimination and how various people experience it and deal with it," she says.



Saving Montgomery Sole by Mariko Tamaki is out now.

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'Local stranger' in a strange little town

BOOK REVIEWS

Sara Baume
on 'using the
materials of
everyday life'

**Sue
Carter**
For Metro Canada

Sara Baume was in her twenties, living in an apartment above a hair salon in a coastal Irish village, when the rescue dog first came into her life. She was feeling like an outsider and struggling with her career as a sculptor.

The dog had lost an eye in a badger-baiting fight — a vicious, illegal blood sport in which canines are pitted to the death against the feisty weasel-like mammals. Usually, injured animals are euthanized but for some unknown reason this dog survived, and found his way into a local shelter.

"I wanted to feel like I had done something good; that I could look after something, that something could rely

on me," says Baume. "So I got the most lost-cause dog I could find. No one wanted him. I wanted to feel like I'd rescued something that no one else wanted."

Baume's relationship with her dog became the inspiration for her debut novel, *Spill Simmer Falter Wither*, published in North America by HMH Books.

It's the heartbreakingly beautiful story of a fifty-something-year-old man, who despite the fact that he grew up and has never left his small Irish town, is openly shunned and treated with suspicion by the community.

Still living in his childhood home, he is haunted by the memory of his abusive father and unable to emotionally connect with, let alone talk to, other humans.

He impulsively decides to adopt a mangy, one-eyed dog.



In many ways I'm doing what I did as a sculptor.

Sara Baume



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the other," she says.

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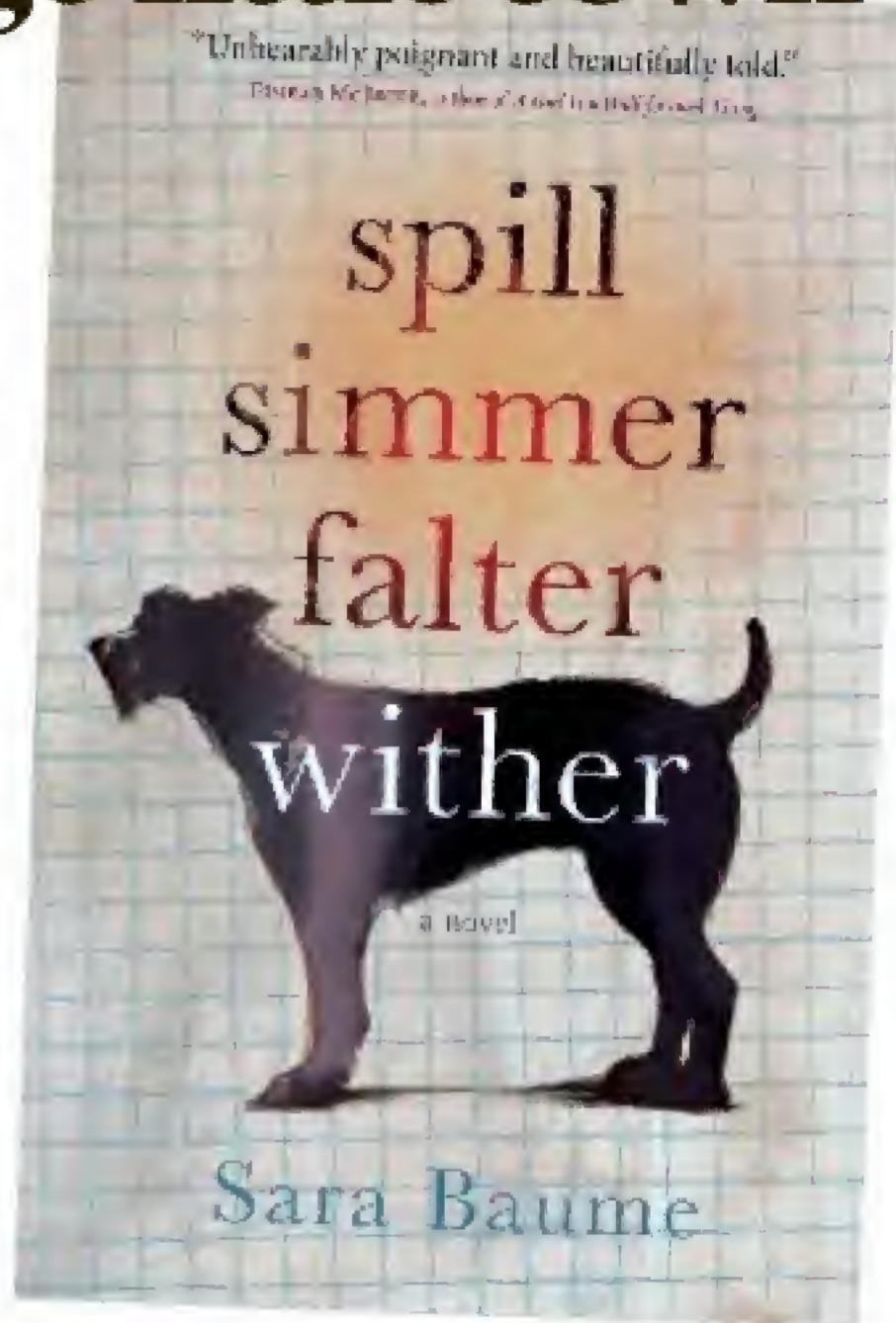
"It's not much of a walk because the dog is stopping all the time sniffing things," she says.

"I suppose it caused me to slow down and look at details of my surroundings and learn the names of the trees and the flowers and the seabirds."

Although *Spill Simmer Falter Wither* quickly established Baume as a novelist to watch — she won the 2015 Rooney Prize for Irish Literature given to emerging writers under the age of 40 — she still considers her writing as part of her broader artistic practice.

"In many ways I'm doing what I did as a sculptor," she says. "using the materials of everyday life, found objects and images, and piecing them together."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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vinegar and one tablespoon of the essential oil of your choice (lavender, rosemary, lemon or lime). Top up with a litre of hot water to dissolve all the ingredients. Close the lid and give the bottle a good shake to mix.

Floor cleaner

Fill a bucket with 10 litres of water then add three tablespoons of liquid black soap and two tablespoons of soda crystals. Then add a dozen drops of tea tree essential oil and a few drops of lemon or orange essential oil to give the mix a pleasant scent.

Liquid dish soap

To make natural dishwashing liquid, fill an old dish soap bottle (thoroughly washed) with 60 centilitres (about 3 cups) of liquid household soap (Castile soap, Marseille soap, etc.). Then add 15 drops of lemon essential oil, six drops of lavender essential oil and five drops of bergamot essential oil, plus one teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda. Shake well.

Fridge cleanser

Lemon is nature's ultimate anti-bacterial and odour-fighting agent. This makes it ideal for cleaning inside fridges. To get the best out of its properties, mix two tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda with the juice of half a lemon and five drops of lemon essential oil into a bowl of warm water.

Dusting and polishing spray

Black soap is a much cheaper alternative to industrially made products for dusting furniture. To make a litre of product, add a knob of black soap and five drops of eucalyptus or grapefruit essential oil to a spray bottle and mix thoroughly.

Window cleaner

Vinegar is the product of choice for green windows cleaning with smear-free sparkle. To make a half litre of window cleaning spray, mix 400 ml of white vinegar with 100 ml of water, then add five drops of tea tree or orange essential oil. Pour the mix into a spray bottle. AFP

DETERGENT

Make your own 100 per cent natural laundry detergent:

- Buy a box of household soap flakes. To make two litres of detergent, heat a liter of water then add 100g of soap flakes and three tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda.
- Mix until the flakes have fully dissolved then leave the mixture to stand for at least an hour. Pour the liquid into a storage container, top up with a litre of lukewarm water, then add a few drops of essential oil.

- Shake well. If the product still seems too thick the next day, it can be diluted with a litre of water. Switch the bicarbonate of soda for soda crystals to make laundry detergent for colours.

TIP

Keep old containers — such as squeeze bottles, spray bottles and detergent bottles — to use for your own concoctions.



The stars of green cleaning are vinegar, household soap, bicarbonate of soda, lemon and essential oils. AFP

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Tradition meets modern-day relevance

There may be no better example in golf of old meeting new than at Southwood Golf and Country Club in St. Norbert.

Manitoba's oldest golf club is now in its fifth full season at its new location, 10 minutes south of its previous site near the University of Manitoba.

"We have the tradition, but also modern-day relevance," says Jeff Scott, Southwood's GM and COO.

Southwood's presence on the local golf scene dates back more than a century: the club traces its roots to 1894 and the old Winnipeg Golf Club; the U of M site opened in 1923.

The new location, a Tom McBroom-designed masterpiece spread along 300 acres, opened in 2011 and includes a world-class practice facility and double-ended range. The course was previously home to St. Norbert Trappist Monastery, and bits of the property's former existence are incorporated into McBroom's design.

The clubhouse and surrounding amenities were designed and built from scratch, making it a preeminent facility for weddings, business meetings and informal get-togethers for members and guests.

"We knew that it had to be built right," says



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Scott. "It's always easier to build than to add on."

Southwood's five-year-old course has earned rave reviews. Five tee decks spread Southwood's length from less than 6,000 yards to 7,311, and make it a brutish test from the championship tees, or a bashful beauty from

the front.

The course is home to a collection of flora and fauna native to southern Manitoba. Hawks and deer are the two most prominent creatures making occasional appearances, as if to illustrate Southwood's transformation into its more rural setting.

NEW STYLE OF GOLF AT SOUTHWOOD

With a new location, and vastly increased and younger membership, comes a new style of golf at one of Manitoba's best private golf courses.

"You have to keep the ball in the fairway," says Jeff Scott, Southwood's GM & COO.

The rolling landscape is adorned with day-glo prairie fescue that glistens in the sun. But for all its beauty, fescue can swallow golf balls and ruin scorecards. To keep scores low, players need to keep their wits about them and know when to go for it.

"Risk/reward, for sure," says Scott of the best approach to playing his course. Whatever the approach, the course leaves an impression, with holes like the 11th, a par-3 over water.

"People are surprised when they first come here how much water there is."



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NOT A FANTASY: IT'S FALCON WEST GOLF

Sandy Kurceba has a plan. After 11 years at Falcon Lake Golf Course, Kurceba found himself a golf professional without a home.

The Government of Manitoba has decided to sell "Manitoba's Jewel of the Wilderness," at Whiteshell Provincial Park and Kurceba, the director of golf, had to find a new home.

"Sandy's cousin Kenny McCready, owner/builder of Fantasy Lake and his two cousins had a chat about leasing the course," said Kurceba, who is not just a golf professional, but a former PGA tour player, a teacher/coach and perhaps one of the best trick-shot artist anywhere. He's also a highly-regarded golf course operator. "As of April 1, I became the lessee at Fantasy Lake and the plan is simple. I'm flipping the nines, so the 18th is now the island green like # 17 at TPC Sawgrass and we'll soon be going to work on the golf course itself.

"While many Manitobans might not have played Fantasy Lake, most have seen

it on the highway just east of Winnipeg. It will now be called Falcon West. We're going to bring up the grooming of the course, change some of the greens."

It will also be the new home of The Bald Falcon and SKGolf International, the company that this former hockey star and 20-year member of the Australian, New Zealand and Canadian professional tours, heads up.

So why Falcon West?

"When golfers get out on that Trans-Canada Highway east of Winnipeg heading to the Whiteshell, all they're thinking about is playing Falcon Lake," said a man whose daughter, Jaclyn, has nicknamed him, "The Bald Falcon."

"Falcon is a great course and people love to play it. I want them to think of Falcon West the same way. It's Manitoba's only 18-hole Par 3 golf course and we intend to build my Natural Golf schools there."

"My career is split into so many facets



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as a PGA professional in the golf business," he explained. "I have had two careers in my life: Summer golfer from junior to pro and winter hockey player from pee-wee to pro.

Kurceba has been the director of golf at some of the finest golf clubs in Canada and

Australia. He's been a PGA member in both Canada and Australia and played the tours in both countries. He holds five course records, 8 hole in ones and has not only won the Carling Cup and the Titleist Cup, he was also an Australian hockey champion.

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"The last word we heard is he's retired": Tony McGregor to Ireland's Independent newspaper on his son Conor's supposed retirement from UFC

Offside challenges have crossed the line



A week into the Stanley Cup playoffs, it seems that barely a night of action goes by without another maddening coach's challenge of a goal for offside. It has become a crutch for NHL coaches and is taking away from fans' viewing enjoyment of the game.

I have always been a proponent of using instant replay in professional sports. With so much available technology it makes sense to utilize it to get the calls right. But there is always the danger of going too far and that is where the NHL finds itself right now.

Very few observers of the sport have an issue with using instant replay to review goals. It makes sense. Deciding whether a puck went in the net or was scored illegally in a split second can be incredibly challenging in real time.

Adding in the challenge of goaltender interference this season had the potential to be problematic but seems to be working for the most part. But the challenge of offsides is overshadowing most of the benefits of replay in the NHL.

Offside has always been a split-second judgement call by NHL linesmen, just like penalties called by referees. That is until this season, when offside was added to the list of eligible plays for a coach to challenge.



Panthers defenceman Aaron Ekblad, second from left, had a goal negated following a coach's challenge of offside on Sunday. ADAM HUNTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What this has created is a scenario where coaches are challenging opposing goals on close offside plays as a Hail Mary, with little to lose other than their timeout if it doesn't go their way.

Here's the problem: the challenges are painfully long and often very hard to call either way, even in super slow motion. Seeing the officials huddle around iPads by the penalty box for extended periods of time has become a frustrating nightly occurrence.

There is an effect on linesmen as well. With the scrutiny and ultimate embarrassment

of a reversed goal on a challenge, we are entering a territory where linesmen may defer to calling offsides on close plays as opposed to letting play continue for fear of being shown up after another agonizing review. For a league starved for goals, this would be a terrible trend.

This whole discussion dates back to a goal scored by Matt Duchesne in 2013 where he was at least a metre offside. It was an egregious oversight, but has spawned a complete overreaction to a rare mistake.

Offside in the NHL needs to be treated like balls and

strikes in Major League Baseball. It is a split-second judgement call of the official and should stay that way.

At minimum the NHL needs to assess a delay of game minor penalty to teams who challenge offside unsuccessfully. This would minimize the number of frivolous challenges to start. But does the game really need it at all?

After watching this season play out, the answer seems obvious. It's not worth it. Punt the coach's challenge of offside and let the linesmen do their jobs as they always have in the past. The game will be better for it.



Cory Joseph, left, has scored 34 points off the bench through two games against the Pacers. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

NBA

Joseph showing off value of playoff experience

Cory Joseph couldn't resist some good-natured needling.

Toronto's backup point guard was baiting 35-year-old Luis Scola, the Raptors' oldest player, earlier this week.

"He was asking how many playoff games I have played, and I knew where he was going: he was just trying to show off that he had played more playoff games than me, being the oldest player on the team," Scola said, through a giant-sized grin.

Joseph made 41 post-season appearances with the perennially contending San Antonio Spurs, and that number stuck out when the Raptors acquired him in the off-season.

Now, Joseph could be a dribbling, shooting billboard for the value of post-season experience. He's been arguably the most solid player through Toronto's two playoff

games, and will be expected to bring that hustle off the bench again when the Raptors play the Pacers in Game 3 on Thursday in Indiana.

"To give an example, DeMar DeRozan had (11 playoff games) and Cory's been in 41," coach Dwane Casey said. "He wasn't the key guy (in San Antonio) but he was there, participating. He's been through the

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wringer a few times. It's huge for us, Cory Joseph has been great, he's got the high motor, he can go from 0-100 off the bench quickly and he's one of our toughest guys. It's a huge luxury to have a guy like that."

Joseph has scored 34 points on 11-for-14 shooting over the two games, and missed just one of his 12 free throws. He's also doled out six assists, and grabbed four rebounds and a pair of steals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

Anti-gay slur nets Shaw suspension

The NHL suspended Blackhawks forward Andrew Shaw for one game Wednesday for yelling an anti-gay slur from the penalty box and fined him \$5,000 for an inappropriate gesture toward the officials during Chicago's Game 4 loss at home to the St. Louis Blues.

Shaw will miss Game 5 in St. Louis on Thursday, and he will be required to undergo sensitivity training, according to the NHL announcement that came only hours after he quietly apologized for his outburst the previous night.

Shaw was sent off for interference at 17:56 of the third period, hurting Chicago's chance for a comeback in what ended up being a 4-3 loss that put the Stanley Cup champions on the brink of elimination from the



playoffs. While sitting in the box, Shaw pounded on the glass with his stick and then yelled at someone on the ice.

It was video of the incident that went viral on social media, prompting sharp criticism and an NHL investigation.

Shaw scored a goal and had two assists in the loss. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

“I'll never use that word again, that's for sure. ... That's not the type of guy I am. Andrew Shaw

IN BRIEF

Canucks sign star goalie out of Boston College

The Vancouver Canucks have signed goalie Thatcher Demko to a three-year entry-level contract, the club announced Wednesday.

The Boston College product was selected 36th overall by Vancouver at the 2014 NHL draft.

Demko, 20, had a stellar 2015-16 campaign with the Eagles as a junior, posting a 27-8-4 record with a 1.88 goals-against average, a .935 save percentage and 10 shutouts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Red Wings recall blue-liner from AHL affiliate

The Detroit Red Wings have recalled defenceman Xavier Ouellet from Grand Rapids of the AHL.

The 22-year-old Ouellet played five games for the Red Wings during the regular season. He had four goals and 25 assists in 61 games for Grand Rapids.

Detroit is down 3-1 in its first-round playoff series against Tampa Bay. The Lightning host Game 5 on Thursday night.

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Ace lefty helps South Siders get off to best start in 10 years

Chris Sale likes what he is feeling and hearing, the fun on the field and the music in the locker-room.

In other words, the winning.

"I think it's important, individually and as a team, to try to get off on the right foot," Sale said after becoming the majors' first four-game winner, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Los Angeles Angels 2-1 on Wednesday.

"To start out with some momentum, that's important. We're just going to try to ride this out as long as we can."

Sale (4-0) allowed only two Mike Trout singles and an unearned run in seven innings. He left after hitting Kole Calhoun with a pitch leading off the eighth.

Two years ago, Sale won his first five decisions.

The White Sox are 10-5,

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their best start in a decade, matching the 2006 team. Last season, the White Sox began 10-14 and didn't reach double digits until May 26.

This season, Sale has 40 per cent of Chicago's victories.

"Aces have always been those guys that extend winning streaks and stop losing streaks," manager Robin Ventura said. "For Sale, he's right (there) as one of those guys."

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IN BRIEF

Reds rally from pitching problems against Rockies

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Canadians continue perfect mixed-doubles play
Canada's Marliese Kasner and Dustin Kalthoff remain perfect through round-robin play at the world mixed doubles curling championship.

They downed China's Rui Wang and Dexin Ba 12-2 on Wednesday to improve to 5-0 in Karlstad, Sweden. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Panthers let Norman walk
The NFL free agent cornerback market just got more interesting.

Josh Norman, one of the NFL's top cornerbacks, became an unrestricted free agent Wednesday after the Carolina Panthers surprisingly rescinded their non-exclusive franchise tag offer to the All-Pro and wished him well — somewhere else.

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Timberwolves hire Thibs

The Minnesota Timberwolves hired former Chicago Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau as coach and president of basketball operations in a move announced Wednesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goals flood back for Barça

Barcelona sent a strong message to Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid on Wednesday, demolishing Deportivo La Coruna 8-0 to end a four-game winless streak and keep its lead in the Spanish league.

Luis Suarez scored four goals and set up three others to help Barcelona stop its free fall.

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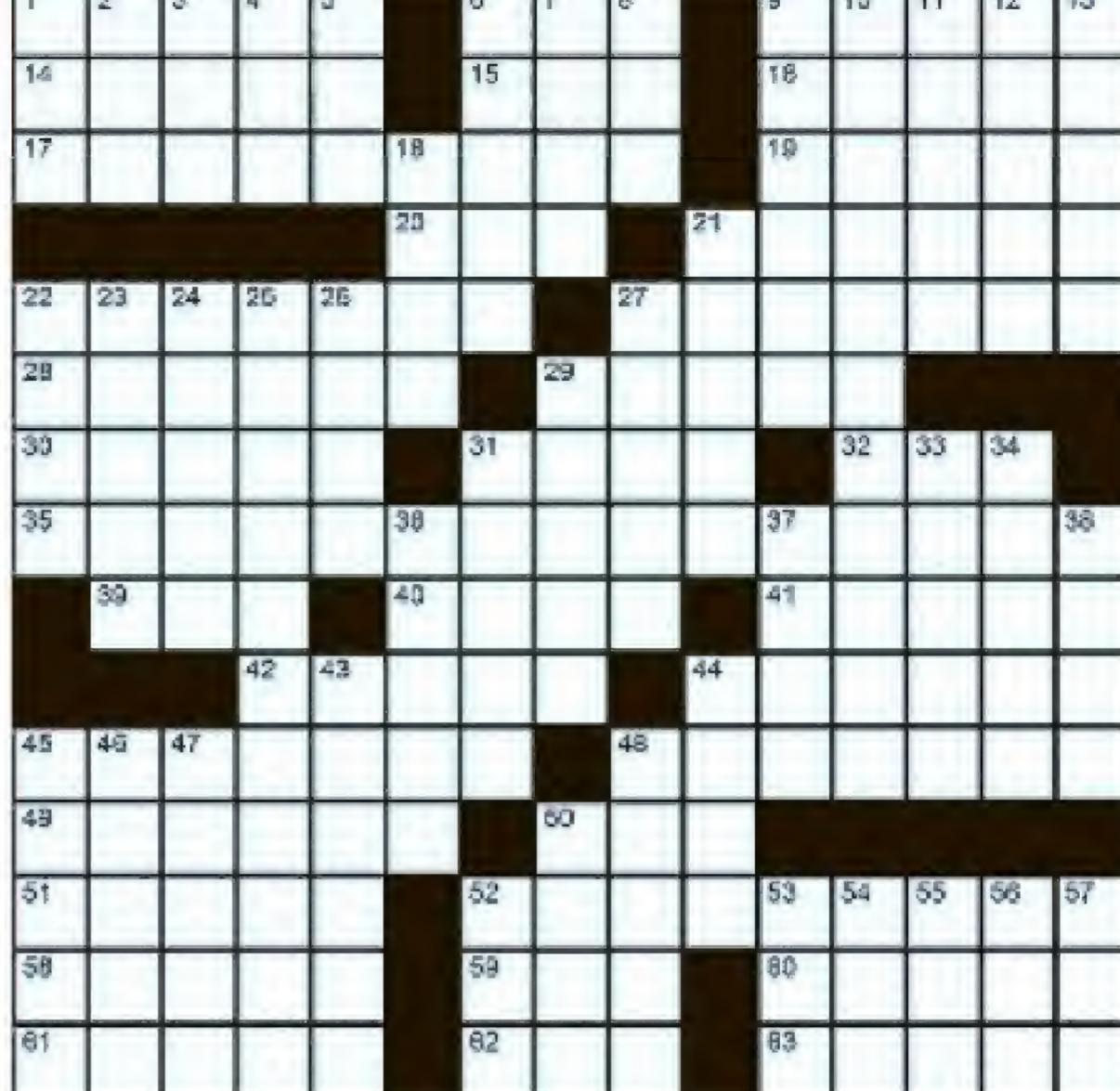
Man United eyeing top 4

Manchester United's pursuit of Champions League qualification gathered pace on Wednesday with a 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace that put the team in a strong position to exploit any slip-ups by Arsenal or Manchester City.

With four games remaining, United is only two points behind third-place City and one behind Arsenal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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39. Clear
40. Liturgical vestments
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42. Hell & _
44. Actress Ms. Dahl
45. Wall _ (House walls decorator)
48. Song by Vancouver band 54-40: 2 wds.
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• 1 bunch of arugula, washed, dried and trimmed
• 2 handfuls of fresh basil, washed, dried and trimmed
• 3 Tbsp lemon juice
• 2 Tbsp olive oil

• salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large-ish bowl, mix together the tuna, beans and onions.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together the lemon juice and olive oil, pour it over your tuna and give a good mix. You don't want to lose all the texture of the tuna, so don't over do it. Taste it and see if you'd like some salt and pepper. Cover with cling film and chill for up to an hour. You can skip this step but it will enhance the flavour.
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***IT'S ALL IN THE STARS** Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today's Full Moon very likely will bring financial issues to a head. Now you will have to decide whether it's time to hold or time to fold.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place. That's why you might feel increased tension with partners and close friends. Patience is your best ally today.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The Full Moon today might create tension with co-workers. Look beyond today's tension, and demonstrate grace under pressure.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Of course, you feel the tension of today's Full Moon because the Moon is your ruler. Just go with the flow. This heightened emotional quality will be gone in 48 hours.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you feel the classic tug-of-war between trying to keep home and family happy versus trying to keep your job and career happy. You can't do both. (This time, you can't ignore your job.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful, because this is an accident-prone day due to the heightened Full Moon energy. Pay attention to everything you say and do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Financial matters might come to a head because of the Full Moon today. Fortunately, after the Full Moon peaks, things will resolve themselves.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place. Do what you can to stay mellow. Be patient with close friends and partners.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have lots of energy with fiery Mars in your sign! Be careful, because today's Full Moon can create problems with others. Keep smiling, and be patient.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Issues with a group or perhaps with a personal friend might come to a head today. After the Full Moon peaks, you likely will bring things to a happy agreement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Even though there are external demands on you today, you cannot ignore the demands of home. This feeling of being caught in a tug-of-war is due to the Full Moon today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you can to avoid accidents today, because the Full Moon energy is distracting. Stay focused and mindful of everything you say and do.

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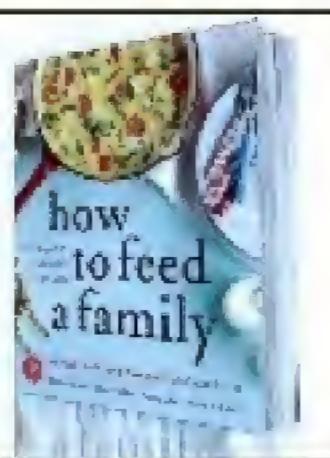
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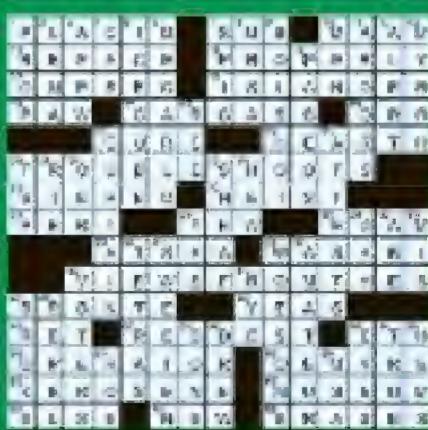
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